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The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" From the answer that I have given I do not think it is justifiable for the hon. Member to infer that we admit that the Department were in the wrong."

Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar:—" Sir, when a brilliant candidate fails, naturally the suspicion is that marks have not been given properly. In this case is it not advisable to revalue the papers especially in view of what has happened in the University? I learn there were some mistakes made in the counting in one case and in another case there were no marks entered on the answer paper?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" If cases like that are brought to the notice of the Commissioner, he will take such action as he deems fit."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" Whether the hon. Minister admits if there was any mistake or not, in view of the large number of failures, may I ask whether he does not consider that raising the number of passes by 15 per cent to be reasonable and that the valuation of the answer papers has not been properly done?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" There is no information available with regard to the number of marks or the valuation."

Text-books for non-detailed study in Indian languages for S.S.L.C. and the T.S.L.C. examinations of 1933 and 1934 respectively.

* 333 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the text-books for non-detailed study in Indian languages for the S.S.L.C. public examination of 1933 and T.S.L.C. examinations of 1934 were considered by the Director of Public Instruction or the Commissioner and approved by him before they were notified by the Secretary in the *Fort St. George Gazette*?

A.—Yes; the books were approved by the Commissioner before they were notified.

Enhancement of educational subsidies on account of the pay of teachers employed in schools.

* 334 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what arrangements have been made by the Government regarding the enhancement of the Provincial subsidies for meeting the pay of the teachers in the Provincial schools in accordance with the scale of pay fixed by the Government to teachers of Elementary schools; and

(*b*) what arrangements have been made with regard to the amalgamation and concentration of the elementary schools?

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4.—(a) The scales of pay laid down in rule 72 of the Madras Educational Rules for the several grades of teachers in elementary schools are only intended to be taken as the standard to be worked up to in the case of schools under the control of local bodies and the adoption of the scales is not obligatory on a local body. The question of enhancing the provincial subsidies towards the cost of the pay of teachers in elementary schools under local bodies does not, therefore, arise. It may be added that the Government subsidies are not intended to cover the entire cost of the maintenance of elementary schools.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1639, Education, dated 19th September 1933, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know the reasons why the Government have not sanctioned subsidies to the net cost elementary schools as the officers of the Educational Department have recommended for additional posts in those schools? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" There are very few net cost elementary schools. Anyhow I should like to have notice of that question."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the scale of pay fixed for elementary school teachers is the one recommended by the Retrenchment Committee? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I think so."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I ask the hon. Minister whether he does not consider it advisable to make the present scales of pay applicable to all the elementary schools in all the local bodies? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I do not think it is possible to compel them adopt any particular scale."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Will the Government be pleased to advise the local bodies at least in every district to have a uniform scale considering the present financial stringency? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I do not think even that is possible. The local bodies are not likely to accept that. They will resent any interference by the Government."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" Will they at least advise the local bodies to have a uniform scale as suggested by the Local Self-Government Department in the whole of the district board schools? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The present rules convey such an advice."